



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS, 3d CAVALRY REGIMENT  
BUILDING 9001, BATTALION AVE.  
FORT HOOD, TEXAS 76544-5060**



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16 November 2011

**MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Recreational Vehicle Safety and Operating Requirements**

**1. REFERENCES:**

- a. Department of Defense Instruction 6055.04, DoD Traffic Safety Program, 20 April 2009.
- b. Army Regulation 385-10, The Army Safety Program, 19 January 2010.
- c. III Corps and Fort Hood Command Motorcycle Safety Program / Safety Policy-02, 29 July 2011.
- d. Texas State Boating Laws and Responsibilities, 2 September 2011.

**2. APPLICABILITY:**

- a. This policy applies to all Soldiers assigned to, attached to, or under the operational control of 3d CR.
- b. The requirements in this policy apply on and off the installation, on and off duty, regardless of local or state laws and regardless whether the Recreational Vehicle is registered on the installation. It applies on closed courses. This policy also applies to operator training for use of government owned Recreational Vehicles used in CONUS and while deployed OCONUS.
- c. The personal protective equipment (PPE) requirements in this policy apply to both operators and passengers.
- d. The policy requirements apply to operation of government and personally owned recreational vehicles to including but not limited to: All Terrain Vehicles (ATV), dirt bikes, Watercraft and other Off Road Vehicles (ORV). The term "ATV" includes Dirt Bikes, All Terrain Vehicles and Off Road Vehicles (GATORS's). The term "Watercraft" includes all powered and unpowered craft designed for operation on rivers, lakes or other waterways.

**3. PURPOSE:** To identify requirements to operate a Recreational Vehicle on or off the installation, on or off duty.

**4. POLICY:**

a. My top priority is the safety and well-being of every 3d CR Soldier. The safety and well-being of 3d CR Soldiers is negatively affected by the number of serious injuries or deaths caused by ATV accidents. These injuries and deaths degrade the readiness of this command and interfere with good order.

b. Common factors in many Recreational Vehicle accidents include: lack of proper training; operator inexperience; lack of proper personal protective equipment (PPE); excessive speed; alcohol; fatigue; and reckless operation.

c. Reducing the number of Recreational Vehicle accidents requires the dedicated support of every commander, Leader, and Soldier. Every Leader and Soldier must be committed to and actively involved in Recreational Vehicle accident prevention. As commanders and Leaders, we must ensure the safety of our Soldiers by coaching, mentoring, training to standard, and enforcing standards.

## 5. REQUIREMENTS.

a. Specific guidance for operation of ATV's, Dirt Bikes and ORV's (Gator's) will be addressed in enclosure 1.

b. Specific guidance for operation of Watercraft will be addressed in enclosure 2.

c. Soldiers shall not operate Recreational Vehicles unless they are properly trained, licensed (where required) and insured (where required).

## 6. COMMANDER/LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. Identify unit Soldiers within their formation who own or operate personal or government owned Recreational Vehicles. Ensure face-to-face counseling occurs between first-line Leaders and Soldiers.

b. Commanders/Leaders will enforce Recreational Vehicle training requirements and allow Soldiers to attend the required training.

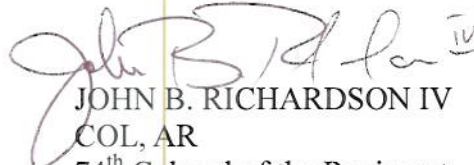
8. PUNITIVE ORDER: Soldiers who fail to comply with the requirements of this policy are subject to adverse administrative action and/or punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice for violation of a lawful order.

9. WITHHOLDING POLICY: The authority to dispose of alleged violations of this policy is withheld to the Regimental Commander, unless such authority is returned to a lower level commander. The Regimental Commander may, on a case by case basis, return actions to lower level commanders for disposition at the request of the lower level commander or when the Regimental Commander determines that such disposition at a lower level is appropriate. Subordinate commanders do not have the authority to impose non-judicial punishment for alleged violations of this policy unless such authority is returned in accordance with this paragraph.

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SUBJECT: Command Policy—Motorcycle Safety and Operating Requirements

10. EFFECTIVE DATE: This policy is effective upon signature and will remain in effect until superseded or rescinded.



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Encls.

1. ATV, Dirt Bike and ORV Safety and Operating Requirements
2. Watercraft Safety and Operating Requirements